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<u>RESPONSE</u>

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 14, 2001, which response is being made on or before March 14, 2002, and for which a three months extension fee is due and is being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 27, 28, 38 and 39.

Please amend claims 1, 7-11, 26, 37, 41 and 44-47 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier comprising, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic

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